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## A SECRET CONCLAVE.

What is the Board of Education doing? It is one of the most important of our public bodies, yet it cuts the smallest possible figure in the public prints. The Advertiser doubts that its readers have seen more than two or three reports of the deliberations of the Board in three years, and those two or three came out at the time this journal was arousing the public over the contract with the American book trust. Meetings are held in secret. That is to say, the newspapers are not told when or where meetings are to occur, and if they find out, and send reporters, the Board scurries into executive session. Yesterday for the first time in six months the Advertiser heard when a meeting of the Board would be held. As the time was at hand it detailed a man to report the event, but he came back empty-handed. He had been warned out of another "executive session."

With the Board of Health the proceeding is as different as day from night. Whenever a meeting is called the press is notified and reporters are present. Executive sessions are few and far between despite the fact that the gravity of the business of the Board of Health exceeds that of the Board of Education in a ratio of three to one. Still there is enough of importance in the proceedings of the educational body to warrant the taxpayers in the desire to know what they are. Money is being spent, schools are being established, contracts are being made, troubles adjusted and benefits acquired. Surely the people have the right to know about these things without waiting for the annual report. We venture to say that there is not another Board of Education in the United States which systematically and by preference does its business in the dark. Under the elective system a board that tried it would never get a second term.

The Advertiser does not mean to imply that there is anything wrong in the things done by the school directors in their secret sessions. The members are above suspicion, despite their one mistake about the book contract. And this makes the sub-rosa policy absurd as well as irritating and one that is calculated to raise unfounded gossip. Why "keep it dark?" What harm can light do to the educational question? These are not the days of the inquisitor when a schoolman's remark about the rotundity of the earth may consign him to the nearest dungeon or the hottest stake. It is a prosaic, matter-of-fact day when the humdrum taxpayer, having appointed a certain set of officials to do his work, likes to drop in and see how the work is going on. He likes to see how his money is being spent and by whom. He has his rights in the premises; why should they be denied him?

As the Star pointed out in discussing some other abuses lately, the surest guarantee of good government is Publicity! It is one of the things that keeps administration pure, officials cautious, policies prudent and men honest. The bad things in government are hatched in the dark and kept in the dark. Light dispenses them. And so it comes about that officials, be they never so honest or reputable, cannot afford, in their conduct of public business, to adopt the methods of conspirators. It puts them on the suspect list when they may least deserve it.

## WON BY ADVERTISING.

What has been done by the city of Seattle in the way of advertising, making known the attractions of the city in such a manner as to draw people to the Puget Sound country, is especially interesting to Honolulu now, as the commercial organizations of the city have in prospect the inauguration of a campaign of education, looking to the exploitation of Hawaii's beauties.

There was of course a material movement upon which the Sound City based its endeavor. The opening of the Alaskan country drew thousands through that gateway, bound for the frozen land of gold, but San Francisco was better known as the principal shipping point of the Pacific Coast, and the Puget Sound folk had to preach their own advantages. That they did so with effect, is shown by the record of thousands who went to the North, not only for gold hunting but for sightseeing. There are now more excursions made to the land of the glacier, than there are to the islands of perpetual summer.

There is in the endeavor of Seattle then the lesson of experience and no point, made by one who took part in that struggle, is more striking than the declaration that the development was wrought by men pulling together for a common end. Unity of purpose showed value in that enterprise as in all others.

Col. Lynch, whose trial for high treason is now on in England, succeeds Robert Emmet in the affections of the Irish people. Probably he will escape Emmet's martyrdom and land in jail, but in any event his name will be one to conjure with from Cape Clear to Malm Head. Already Col. Lynch is a member of Parliament elect.

The new Mormon Senator seems to be a Smoot article.

## HAWAIIAN BY-PRODUCTS.

What was said the other day by a visiting pineapple dealer about the chances of the industry in Hawaii, accords with the common-sense local view. It has been proved over and over again that pineapples grow as well here, are as many to the acre and as large and luscious as those grown in Singapore, the distant place which controls the western American market. Under such circumstances it is absurd that Hawaii should not make ready to secure the pineapple trade between the Mississippi and the Coast. It has the soil, the water, the climate and the knowledge of cultivation; and all it needs is the capital to enter into the industry on a large scale.

Nor should Hawaii let the East Indies have the best of the hemp proposition. On what are called the "bad lands" of the Territory, sisal flourishes. It is proving itself a profitable crop. There is an enormous acreage which could be used for it that is good for nothing else.

Has anybody ever shown that tobacco cannot be made as remunerative a product per acre here as it is elsewhere along the tropic of Cancer? There have been experiments in Hawaii but have they been scientific? In the tobacco business there are as many wrinkles to learn as there were originally in the sugar business. Back in Connecticut they are doubling the value of the tobacco by raising it under canvas or cloth arbors. In the Vuelto Abajo district of Cuba they have learned how to destroy a dangerous grub by firing small cannon down the rows at a certain stage in the growth of the plant and, by concussion, killing the larvae. Once these tricks are learned, tobacco ought to do as well in Hawaii as it does in Cuba or the Philippines.

Coffee is a success as a crop; all it needs is a protected market or a bounty. The vanilla bean, which is being tried at Napoopoo, is well thought of, but experiments with it will take a year or two longer before the commercial prospects of the industry can be summed up. Little has been done as yet with rubber, but experts say our mountain lands are as well adapted to the rubber tree as those of tropical South America. As for bananas there is no trouble about growing or selling them, but the fruit needs to be improved. The Chinese banana is an inferior product; the plantain of Bluefields and the red banana of Cuba are superior and if grown here would enable Hawaii to retain the mainland market which is now threatened by the Bluefields industry. Limes are coming on and before long should be a considerable article of export.

So on the whole Hawaii is well off in by-products. There is no trouble about producing salable commodities in most island districts and there is available public land for the purpose. The factors wanting are the men to undertake the work.

The French Transatlantique Generale is an unfortunate steamship line. It has now lost La Touraine, one of its finest passenger vessels, by fire at the docks. Not long ago it lost the St. Nazaire; before that La Bourgogne and La Champagne; and in an earlier period the Ville du Havre and Ville du Paris. Frightful losses of human life accompanied some of these disasters.

Castro's lot is not a happy one. With the allies blockading him by sea, the revolutionists pressing him by land and discontent at work in his capital, the Venezuelan dictator must, by this time, be ready to quit and join the millionaire colony of ex-presidents in Paris.

Hawaii may rest assured that there will be no adverse legislation from this Congress. The best Washington opinion confirms that view. It may be added that there will be no adverse legislation at all if Hawaii makes the fight that is in it.

## MRS. HARRIET PECK'S DEATH ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Harriet Peck, mother of L. Tenney Peck of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, is dead at her home in Kenova, West Virginia. The information came yesterday to the relatives in a message sent by Mr. Peck, not only announcing that fact, but that he was on his way East.

Mrs. Peck was the younger sister of Mrs. S. N. Castle, and had she lived until June of this year, would have been 82 years old. She was born in New York State, and much of her life was spent within its boundaries. After her marriage she lived in the city of Brooklyn, and the children were reared there. Since the death of her husband, she has lived with her sons at Kenova, which was laid out and managed by them.

There are five children. In addition to Mr. Peck of this city, Messrs. Frank and Charles Peck, Miss Harriet Peck and Miss Mary Peck. Mrs. Peck was in Honolulu a year ago on a visit to her son, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Harriet Peck. She was then in the best of health, and the relatives of the family here had no intimation of illness that might cause her death.

The death of Mrs. Peck leaves only one brother living of Mrs. Castle's immediate family, the Rev. Levi Tenney, now residing in Texas.

## TO ASK AID FOR CHARITIES

Committees of the Associated Charities will draft a petition to the legislature asking that an appropriation be made to provide for the running expenses of the office of the Association. Owing to the fact that the Association takes the place of a Territorial charity it is the belief of the members that there will be no hesitation on the part of the legislators to provide for the work.

There was a full gathering of the members of the board when the meeting was called to order, and business was put under way immediately. Mrs. Berger, the manager, read her report, showing that there had been an increase of office work, there having been, during the two months for which the report was made, 330 office consultations. The report of outside work was as follows: New applications, 25; sent to Queen's Hospital, 2; sent to Castle home, 2; sent to Salvation Army Industrial home, 2; sent to Kona Orphanage, 2; sent to Sailors' Home, 1; outside relief, 13.

Mrs. Berger also reported that there had been sent to Kona Orphanage seven cases and two packages of goods. Miss Beard reported that she had now toys enough for 100 children, and clothing for a year's supply.

The case of the legless Porto Rican was brought up, and it was shown that transportation to the Coast had been offered for him, but the rest of the family was not willing to be separated. The child had been provided for at the Kona Orphanage, and the mother at the Salvation Army Industrial Home. This brought up the general course to be followed by the Porto Ricans. It was reported that there were numbers of them who came to the city for the purpose of seeking work or life without it, and they applied for aid at once. Mrs. Berger said she would not take any notice of such cases when there was a bread winner in the family, so that they might be forced out of town to work on the plantations.

Mrs. Berger brought up the fact that there was nothing like a poor house here, and it was suggested that there might be set apart by the government a portion of the relief camps for the purpose of housing the unfortunates. There was made, as well, the suggestion that there might be a fund placed at the disposal of the police from which could be purchased food for those who are out of work.

Clarence Cooke suggested that an application might be made to the legislature in the form of a petition, to be signed by the officers of the Association, and, as well, by the proper officers of the affiliated societies. This was adopted and Mrs. Whitney, Governor Dole and Mrs. Berger were named to draft the memorial.

On the matter of the old people who are found to be useless on the plantations and are sent by them to the city, it was decided that there should be appeals made to the plantations to make provision for such laborers by setting aside certain portions of the unused lands for them, as is done on the Island of Kauai.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$150.

## GOV. OSBORNE AS GUEST OF HONOR

Ex-Governor Osborne of Wyoming was the guest of honor at a dinner given last evening at the Hawaiian Hotel by Dr. Galbraith, his old friend and present host. The private dining room and the long tables were done in red for the occasion, carnations being distributed plentifully about the cloth.

The feast was a choice one and after its discussion there were a number of speeches of welcome and response from the many friends gathered about the table. United States District Attorney Breckons was the toast master and he was most happy in his introductions.

Those who sat down, in addition to the guest of honor and the host, were Judge Estee, Justice Galbraith, District Attorney Breckons, Attorney General Dole, W. B. Maling, F. E. Thompson, W. F. Farrington, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Sloggett, Dr. Herbert, Dr. Wood, Dr. Mays, Dr. Walters, Dr. Burgess, Dr. Malster, Dr. Alvarez, Dr. Hodgins, Dr. Wayson, H. Lewis, Francis Gay, of Kauai, Mr. Miller of Wyoming, E. F. Bishop, H. W. Willis, W. H. Hoogs, James McInerney, W. H. Smith.

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